CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method comprising:

2   analyzing a document into an ordered sequence of words, each word having an

3   associated syllable count; and

4   storing the ordered sequence of words and the associated syllable counts in a

5   document database.

1   2.   The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in analyzing, a syllable dictionary is

2   utilized to provide a syllable count for each word.

1   3.   The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in analyzing, the document is parsed

2   into a number of phrases.

1   4.   The method recited in claim 1 wherein, in storing, the database comprises a

2   plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered syllable count

3   listing.

1   5.   A method comprising:

2   a computing device receiving a search string including an ordered sequence of syllable

3   counts; and

4   using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from a database a document

5   uniquely represented by the search string.

1   6.   The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in receiving, the search string includes

2   a word in place of the word's syllable count.

1   7.   The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in receiving, the search string includes

2   two words in place of each respective word's syllable count.

1   8.   The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in using, the database comprises a

2   plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered syllable count

3   listing.

1   9.   The method recited in claim 8 wherein, in using, each database record

2   comprises a work from the group comprising a literary work, a song lyric, a dramatic work, a

3   motion picture script, and an audiovisual script.

1   10.   The method recited in claim 5 wherein, in using, the input ordered sequence of

2   syllable counts is matched with at least one corresponding ordered sequence of syllable counts

3   within the database.

1   11.   The method recited in claim 5 wherein the computing device comprises a

2   display, and wherein the method further comprises:

3   displaying the document via the display.

1   12.   The method recited in claim 11 wherein, in using, a plurality of documents are

2   retrieved, and wherein the method further comprises:

3   displaying the plurality of documents via the display.

1   13.   A computing device including a memory to store a database, and a user

2   interface, the computer executing a computer program comprising the operations of:

3   receiving via the user interface a search string including an ordered sequence of

4   syllable counts; and

5   using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from the database a document

6   uniquely represented by the search string.

1   14.   The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein, in receiving, the search

2   string includes a word in place of the word's syllable count.

1   15.   The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein, in using, the database

2   comprises a plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered

3   syllable count listing.

1   16.   The computing device recited in claim 15 wherein, in using, each database

2   record comprises a work from the group comprising a literary work, a song lyric, a dramatic

3   work, a motion picture script, and an audiovisual script.

1   17.   The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein, in using, the input ordered

2   sequence of syllable counts is matched with at least one corresponding ordered sequence of

3   syllable counts within the database.

1   18.   The computing device recited in claim 13 wherein the computer program

2   further comprises the operation of:

3   displaying the document via the user interface.

1   19.   The computing device recited in claim 18 wherein, in using, a plurality of

2   documents are retrieved, and wherein the computer program further comprises the operation

3   of:

4   displaying the plurality of documents via the display.

1   20.   A computer network including a computing device having a user interface, and

2   a remote computing device having a remote memory to store a database and a computer

3   program, the computer network executing the computer program and comprising the
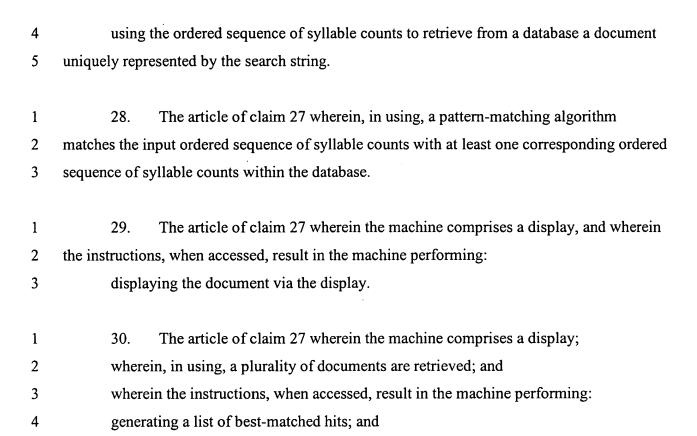
4   operations of:

5   receiving via the user interface a search string including an ordered sequence of

6   syllable counts; and

7   using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from the database a document

8   uniquely represented by the search string.

1   21.   The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein, in receiving, the search

2   string includes a word in place of the word's syllable count.

1   22.   The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein, in using, the database

2   comprises a plurality of records, each comprising an ordered listing of words and an ordered

3   syllable count listing.

1   23.   The computer network recited in claim 22 wherein, in using, each database

2   record comprises a work from the group comprising a literary work, a song lyric, a dramatic

3   work, a motion picture script, and an audiovisual script.

1   24.   The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein, in using, the input ordered

2   sequence of syllable counts is matched with at least one corresponding ordered sequence of

3   syllable counts within the database.

1   25.   The computer network recited in claim 20 wherein the computer program

2   further comprises the operation of:

3   displaying the document via the user interface.

1   26.   The computer network recited in claim 25 wherein, in using, a plurality of

2   documents are retrieved, and wherein the computer program further comprises the operation

3   of:

4   displaying the plurality of documents via the display.

1   27.   An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having associated

2   instructions, wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in a machine performing:

3   receiving a search string including an ordered sequence of syllable counts; and

4   using the ordered sequence of syllable counts to retrieve from a database a document

5   uniquely represented by the search string.

1   28.   The article of claim 27 wherein, in using, a pattern-matching algorithm

2   matches the input ordered sequence of syllable counts with at least one corresponding ordered

3   sequence of syllable counts within the database.

1   29.   The article of claim 27 wherein the machine comprises a display, and wherein

2   the instructions, when accessed, result in the machine performing:

3   displaying the document via the display.

1   30.   The article of claim 27 wherein the machine comprises a display;

2   wherein, in using, a plurality of documents are retrieved; and

3   wherein the instructions, when accessed, result in the machine performing:

4   generating a list of best-matched hits; and

5   displaying the list of best-matched hits via the display.